

passed: "Be it resolved that Midway Town Corporation, through the Midway Town Board, buy the Midway Water Works Company." The stockholders were paid \$50 per share for their stock. In January of 1934 the board approved application papers to Washington D. C. requesting a Public Works Administration loan for purchase and improvement of the water system.

In the meantime, the Bank of Heber City closed during the summer of 1933, tying up town funds and causing a financial crisis in Midway. The Midway Dramatics Club began putting on plays and giving the proceeds to the town.

Mr. Kohler completed his term on January 1, 1934 and turned over the town board to Joseph E. Probst, the new president. Board members were Alfred Alder, Floyd Bonner, John A. Sulser and Mr. Kohler.

The board received approval from the people to borrow federal funds to build up the community and help in easing depression employment problems. During 1937 they applied for a Works Progress Administration (WPA) loan to build sidewalks in the town. Joseph E. Probst, Alfred Alder and County Commissioner Guy E. Coleman were appointed as a committee to seek approval of the project from the WPA office in Provo. The approval was granted and the project was completed in 1938.

William Haueter took office as town board president on January 7, 1938, with Karl Probst, LeRoy Huffaker, Reuben Casper and Ruby Provost as members of the board. They carried out the WPA sidewalk project and also improved the cemetery grounds. Mrs. Provost, who continued on the board until 1941, is the only woman who has served on the board.

Early in 1939 the board began making plans for a community gymnasium and civic auditorium, proposing it as a WPA project. By June 19, 1939, it had been approved. The last meeting in the old town hall was held July 5, 1939. The old structure was torn down and work began on the new building. Mr. Haueter, town board president, and his brother, F. O. Haueter, supervised the building project. Through their efforts a substantial and artistic recreation hall was erected, utilizing local labor, native timber and building rock.

The Midway Recreation Center, as the building was named, was dedicated officially on June 13, 1941. Grounds around the building that had been privately owned were purchased and improved by the town's garden club. The area is known now as the Rose Garden.

Controlling disease in the community has always been a problem for the town board, and in 1941 LeRoy Huffaker, town health officer, was still busy quarantining homes. It was a long standing community practice that yellow quarantine flags would be placed on homes where contagious diseases existed. After an examination by the county physician, Mr. Huffaker would nail up the yellow flags, warning all to stay



The Midway Recreation Center, begun as a community project in 1939 and completed in 1941. It was dedicated June 13, 1941. The building includes a large gymnasium, the post office, town board offices, meeting rooms for the Daughters of Utah Pioneers and rooms for many community organizations and groups.

away, and forbidding the afflicted persons to leave the premises. This practice has since been discontinued.

Following the administration of William Haueter, Francis Probst was elected town board president. He directed the building of community tennis courts before he resigned to accept a missionary call for the Church. Earl J. Kohler was appointed to fill the unexpired term, and is continuing to serve. With him on the board are Fay Van Wagoner, Grant Remund, Eugene Probst and Reed Gertsch. Grace W. Sonderegger is clerk.

Under this board's direction, many community improvements are going forward, including work on the ball park, oiling Midway streets, improving the cemetery ground, repairing and extending the culinary water system and redecorating the recreation center.

MIDWAY AND THE MAIL

With the exception of WPA and other depression-recovery programs, Midway's main contact with the federal government has been through the post office. The first government post office, however, was